

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
) Examiner: Ricardo J. Palabrica
Anders Lunden)
) Art Unit: 3663
Title: A CONTROL ROD AND A CONTROL)
ROD BLADE FOR A BOILING WATER)
REACTOR)
)
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is submitted in response to a final Office Action having a mailing date of October 19, 2007 and a statutory period for response set to expire on January 19, 2008.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.